

*AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS*

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. -7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A system for defining a plurality of work zones within an otherwise open area comprising:

a framework formed from a plurality of spaced apart poles extending upward from a base surface, the poles interconnected by a plurality of crossbeams, of which at least one is pivotal and adjustable in length, the framework capable of being configured in groups of from one to six poles with a plurality of the groups having one or more work surfaces attached thereto in order to form a work area for a user;

wherein at least some of the poles have two crossbeams extending from a top portion thereof, the two connection members extending at an angle substantially greater than 90° and substantially less than 180°, and at least some of the poles and crossbeams are adapted to provide a raceway for the delivery of utilities.

9.-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~11~~ 8, wherein the poles have an outer surface having three distinct and generally curved portions.

13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein a vertically extending channel separates each of the three generally curved portions.

14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein at least one of the vertically extending channels is adapted to receive a hook attachment member extending from a work environment element.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 14, wherein the hook attachment member is adapted to attach a work surface to a pole.

16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the vertically extending channel has a dovetail shape.

17. (Amended) The system of claim 16, wherein the poles have a height substantially greater than six feet.

18. -34. (Cancelled)

35. (Original) A system for defining a plurality of work zones within an otherwise open area comprising:

a first group and a second group of spaced apart poles extending upward from a base surface, the poles interconnected by a plurality of crossbeams at a height substantially above a standing user, at least some of the poles adapted to provide a raceway for the delivery of utilities, each pole capable of being attached to one or more crossbeams with most groups of two crossbeams forming an obtuse angle, the first group and the second group interconnected by a crossbeam adjustable in length.

36. (Amended) The system of claim 35, wherein the cross-beam is pivotable.

37. (Amended) The system of claim 36, hereinwherein at least some of the poles are adapted to be attached to a work environment element selected from the group consisting of work surfaces, storage members, monitor support members, and dividing screens.

38. (Amended) The system of claim 38 37 further comprising movable work surfaces having a plurality of legs with wheels attached to a bottom portion thereof.

39. (Amended) The system of claim 38, wherein the poles have an outer surface having three distinct and generally curved portions.

40. (Amended) The system of claim 39, wherein a vertically extending channel separates each of the three generally curved portions.

41. (Amended) The system of claim 40, wherein at least one of the vertically extending channels includes a plurality of spaced apart apertures formed in two vertically extending columns.

42. (Amended) The system of claim 41, wherein the vertically extending channel has a dovetail shape.

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43. - 79. (Cancelled)